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a boss extending from said proximal surface, said boss having a transverse face and generally axial extended side surfaces.

at least one indentation penetrating said transverse face of said boss and at least one of said proximal surface and said transverse face of said body, said at least one indentation being adapted to engage an insertion device or at least one protrusion of a dental prosthesis or abutment so as to fix the position of the abutment or crown relative to said implant.

REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment presents amended claims 1, 12 and 15 in the format required by 37 C.F.R. 1.173(b)(2). Claims 1-15 are pending, and claims 1, 7, 9, 12-13 and 15 are independent. The status of the claims is as follows:

| <u>Claim</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | amended patent claim |
| 2 | original patent claim |
| 3 | original patent claim |
| 4 | original patent claim |
| 5 | original patent claim |
| 6 | original patent claim |
| 7 | original patent claim |
| 8 | original patent claim |
| 9 | original patent claim |
| 10 | original patent claim |
| 11 | original patent claim |
| 12 | amended new claim |
| 13 | new claim |
| 14 | new claim |
| 15 | amended new claim |

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for examination. Prompt consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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